

PROBING MONEY TRUST.

MR. MORGAN DISCLAIMS DESPOTIC POWER IN FINANCE.

Says That if He Does Wield Tremendous Influence, in Industry and Banking, He is Ignorant of It—Five Hours on Stand Before Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—J. Pierpont Morgan today told the public house money trust investigating committee that all the money in Christendom and all the banks in Christendom could not form a money monopoly that could control money. Mr. Morgan disclaimed any knowledge that he wielded a vast power in financial circles and declared emphatically that he sought no such power.

For nearly five hours the chief witness called by the committee in its probe of the intricacies of modern finance withstood a fire of questions that covered many phases of financial operation. In some respects it was one of the most remarkable hearings about the halls of congress in recent years, with Mr. Morgan as the type and embodiment of financial operations on a colossal scale and the committee's counsel, Samuel Untermyer, the representative of the element which seeks to probe to the innermost recesses the conditions under which the financial operations are conducted.

Mr. Morgan gave at length his views on competition, combination, co-operation and control in industry and finance, particularly the latter. He declared that he "did not mind competition," but that he "preferred combination" in his operations. He was emphatic in his declaration "that there is no way one man can get a monopoly of money."

Throughout the long examination to which Mr. Morgan submitted with an evident willingness to answer, there was not a moment when interest lagged. Short sharp questions and answers came with striking rapidity. While the colloquies were at times emphatic there was no serious clash between Mr. Morgan and Mr. Untermyer.

The question of competition and combination brought about a lively interchange between the noted financier and Mr. Untermyer, the latter opening the tilt with the suggestion that Mr. Morgan was opposed to competition. The witness said he favored "cooperation," adding that he was in no way opposed to competition and in fact "liked a little competition."

He disagreed with the views of Mr. Untermyer on the question of interlocking directorates, which forms the basis for a large part of the statistical evidence that makes up the record of the money trust investigation up to date. Without actual control, Mr. Morgan claimed, there is no control, although some directors may be common to several corporations.

RUSSO-MONGOLIAN PACT.

Terms of Treaty Declared More Dangerous Than Those Constituting Cause Belli for Japan.

Peking, Dec. 19.—The terms of the Russo-Mongolian treaty of November 8 are published here. The Chinese regard them as far more comprehensive than the Manchurian agreements which finally led to the Russo-Japanese war.

The features to which the Chinese particularly object as infringing on China's sovereignty are rights they give Russia to send consuls and consular guards to all Mongolian ports and to establish postoffices. The treaty also accords to Russian subjects freedom to trade, establish manufactures, buy land, to arrange concessions for mining, fishing and forestry and for the navigation of rivers flowing into Russian territory.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE PRIZES.

Baker School Gets First Prize—Bethel School Second—Dalsell, Third.

At a recent meeting of the committee having the matter in charge, the prizes for the most improvement in the schools in the county were awarded. Baker school secured the first prize of \$25; Bethel School got the second prize of \$15; and the third prize of \$10 went to the Dalsell School.

These schools will now send their papers containing a list of improvements made during the year in the school to the State committee and one of the schools has the opportunity of winning a State prize of \$50.

Marriage License Record.

License to marry were issued Thursday to James Butler and Lora Bradford, Providence, and to James China, Stateburg, and Lavinia McPherson of Providence.

Horse Fell in Ditch—Killed.

Mr. C. W. Smith suffered a loss Thursday night when one of his fine bay horses was driven into a ditch down on Hauser street and in falling broke its neck.

NOT PLAYING POLITICS.

TAFT USES PLAIN LANGUAGE TOWARD CONGRESS.

Prefers Serious Charges — Maintains Members Have Been Giving Utterances to Untruths About Recent Postoffice Order.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft today gave congress his opinion of the charge that he had been playing politics in his recent executive order putting 36,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service. The president made the countercharge that his accusers on the floor of the house were telling "untruths" and declared that he deeply regretted the failure of congress to pass legislation which practically would destroy the "spoils system."

"Criticism has been made of this order on the ground the motive was political," said the president.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. The order was made before the election and in the interest of efficient public service I have several times requested congress to give me authority to put first, second and third class postmasters and all other local officers, including internal revenue officers, customs officers, United States marshals and the local agents of the other departments under the classification of the civil service law by taking away the necessity of confirming such appointments by the senate.

"I deeply regret the failure of congress to follow these recommendations. The change would have taken out of politics practically every local officer and would have entirely cured the evils growing out of what, under the present law, much always remain a remnant of the spoils system."

The president's advice to congress was continued in his third message of the year, sent in today.

The president advocated legislation which would permit members of the cabinet to sit in either house of congress, with the right to enter into debate and answer questions, but without a vote.

The adoption of the postmaster general's plans for a readjustment of compensation to railways carrying mails, especially in view of the conditions which will exist under the parcels post law.

A revision of the land laws to secure proper conservation and at the same time assure prompt disposition of land that should be turned over to private ownership.

Legislation affecting Alaska which would provide for leases of coal lands and in respect to mining claims, the disposition of oil, phosphate and potash lands in the United States.

An act of congress which would legalize a court authorized to review decisions on the pure food law such as are now made by the Remsen board.

In this connection the president approved the creation of the Remsen board by former President Roosevelt, but said that the time had come for congress to recognize the necessity for a tribunal of appeal in pure food cases.

"While we are struggling to suppress an evil of great proportion like that of impure food," said the president, "we must provide the machinery in the law itself to prevent its becoming an instrument of oppression, and we ought to enable those whose business is threatened with annihilation to have some tribunal and some form of appeal in which they have a complete day in court."

The president closed his message with a recommendation that congress appropriate for a government building at Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and for the beautification of Washington. In his discussion of the capital he said that a public utilities commission was needed. The president expressed opposition to the granting of the elective franchise to citizens of Washington and endorsed the plans of the commission of fine arts for city improvement.

Miss Janette Henry left Friday morning for a visit to Columbia.

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MEXICO MUST PRESERVE ORDER.

FRESH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

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Washington, Dec. 19.—Unsatisfactory conditions existing in Mexico as a result of the continuance of the rebellion absorbed much of the time of the president today.

Notwithstanding he was making every effort to close many matters of importance before his departure for Panama, he had an interview with Secretary Knox and Henry L. Wilson, American ambassador to Mexico, who is in Washington on leave of absence, and tonight the subject was further discussed at a dinner which was given in the president's honor by Secretary Knox's home.

Nothing regarding the conference was given out but there is reason to believe that when the ambassador returns to Mexico, which he will do early next week, leaving Washington tomorrow morning for New York, he will bear with him instructions from the president and the secretary of state calculated to induce the Mexican government to renew its efforts to terminate the rebellion or at least greatly to enlarge the military forces which are supposed to be protecting the property of foreigners.

It is particularly stated by one of the participants in the conference that this is in no sense to be regarded as an ultimatum nor as calculated to endanger the friendly relations of the two governments.

It is believed the fresh instructions which Mr. Wilson has received will cause him to insist firmly upon the correction of the abuses and his statements will be reinforced by accounts of recent happenings in the border provinces of Mexico involving the burning of the American railway property, the looting of mines and plantations and the kidnapping for ransom of American miners and foremen.

REBELS RAVAGED TOWN.

Committed Many Outrages After Capturing Huejuquilla—Guards and Citizens Resist Until End.

Guadalajara, Mex., Dec. 18.—One hundred rebels and 40 rural guards and townspeople were killed in a fierce battle at Huejuquilla yesterday. The town was sacked by the rebels who committed many outrages.

A force of 600 rebels commanded by General Cheche Campos yesterday morning attacked Huejuquilla, Jalisco, near the boundary of Zacatecas.

Fifty rural guards and armed citizens had held them off for 30 hours until their store of ammunition was exhausted.

Then the rebels forced their way in and committed every kind of outrage, according to reports.

Some hours later reinforcements of federal troops arrived and drove the rebels out after killing a large number of them.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Children of Primary Grades Have Annual Christmas Tree. Rooms Decorated.

The children attending the city schools left their class rooms with joyous smiles on their faces Friday. They like school, but they like the idea of a two week's holiday still more and plenty of time to do everything that is in their minds to do during the Christmas season. The reason of their joyous smiles and more than usually happy faces was the fact that with the close of school for the day the usual Christmas holiday had been granted and they will not have to go to school again until the Thursday after New Year.

In the primary grades, those below the fifth, the children were given their Christmas tree by the Knights of Pythias, a custom begun many years ago and continued to the delight of the children who go to the Washington street school. The tree was a beautiful holly with plenty of red berries on it. It was most attractively decorated with tinsel, colored balls and many colored electric bulbs set about in its branches, a big red globe hung at the center, with red Christmas lights and red streamers and presented a beautiful appearance from its position in the room to the children who gazed upon it. In this room the children of the primary grades gathered and sang their Christmas songs, took their seats under the tree and then went back to their rooms where they were given by the Knights of Pythias. They were then dismissed from school for the day and for the next twelve days.

A number of the grades had their rooms appropriately decorated for the Christmas season. Red bells, draped with colored tissue paper, hung in arched designs about the room, and green garlands used in many of the rooms with beautiful effects.

RECORD CORN GROWING.

E. M. JOYE RAISED 207 BUSHELS OF CORN ON ONE ACRE.

Best Since Jerry Moore's—Williams-Boy's Great Yield Announced Along With Those of Other Prize Winners.

Columbia, Dec. 19.—E. M. Joye of Williamsburg county is the champion boy corn grower for South Carolina this year, working under the rules of the State corn contest, which was conducted by the State department of agriculture. He produced 207 bushels of corn on one acre, which is the largest yield made in the State since Jerry Moore broke the world's record by producing 228 bushels and three pecks on one acre in 1910. All the winners in the State contest will very probably enter their exhibits at the National Corn exposition to be held here during January and February of next year.

The following prize winners were announced yesterday by Commissioner Watson:

Five Acre Men's Contest.

First prize, \$100, J. E. Norton, Dillon, 89.46 bushels per acre; total points 98; \$26.82 profit per acre.

Second prize, \$50, C. W. Josey, St. Charles, 84.2 bushels per acre; total points 89.45; \$26.82 profit per acre.

One Acre Men's Contest.

First prize, \$75, C. W. Josey, St. Charles, 113.25 bushels; total points 98.5; \$55 profit per acre.

Second prize, \$40, David G. Hutto, Shoals Junction, 98 bushels per acre; total points 78.5; \$27.85 profit per acre.

Third prize, \$30, A. S. Perry, Summerville, 80 bushels per acre; total points 76; \$24.92 profit per acre.

Fourth prize, \$20, G. H. Norris, Anderson, 139.84 bushels per acre; total points 75.5; \$26.70 profit per acre.

One Acre Boy's Contest.

First prize, \$75, E. M. Joye, Gunter, 207 bushels per acre; total points 87; \$88.10 profit per acre.

Second prize, \$30, Cary Murray, Lancaster, 104 51-56 bushels per acre; total points 80.5; \$60.70 profit per acre.

Third prize, \$20, E. H. B. Whaley, Edisto Island, 59.70 bushels per acre; 58.5 points; \$3.91 profit per acre.

Fourth prize, \$12, Douglas Odom, Marlboro county, 88 bushels per acre; points on yield 52; \$36.35 profit per acre.

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